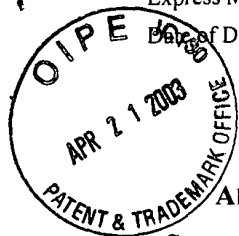


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APPLICANTS : Jeffers *et al.*
SERIAL NUMBER : 09/817,814 **EXAMINER :** Jegatheesan Seharaseyon
FILING DATE : March 26, 2001 **ART UNIT :** 1647
FOR : NOVEL FIBROBLAST GROWTH FACTORS AND NUCLEIC ACIDS
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action, mailed November 19, 2002 in the above-identified application. With the extension, this response is due on or before Monday, April 21, 2003. Please charge \$205.00 in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-557 CIP2 (CURA-57 CIP2).

The Commissioner may charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-557 CIP2 (CURA-57 CIP2). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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